

## ISLAND COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

May 25, 2016

The Island County Council of Governments on May 25, 2016 met in the Commissioners' Hearing Room 102B, located at 1 NE 6<sup>th</sup> St., Coupeville.

*The Council of Governments Minutes and recordings of meetings may be located at*

<http://www.islandcounty.net/commissioners/cog/2016/>

**Members Present:** Curt Gordon, Commissioner, South Whidbey Port District Commissioner - Chair  
Richard M. Hannold, Island County Commissioner  
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner  
Bob Severns, Mayor of the City of Oak Harbor  
Doug Merriman, City of Oak Harbor Administrator  
Molly Hughes, Mayor, Town of Coupeville  
Tim Callison, Mayor of Langley  
Mike Diamanti, Port of Coupeville Commissioner

**Also Present:** Stan Berryman, City of Langley  
Brigid Reynolds, City of Langley  
Lou Malzone, Commissioner Freeland Water and Sewer District  
Andy Campbell, Manager Freeland Water and Sewer District  
Elaine Marlow, Island County Budget Director  
Ron Nelson, Economic Development Council  
Sami Postma, Economic Development Council  
Forrest Rambo, Port of Coupeville  
Damon Statler, Port of Coupeville  
Angi Mozer, Port of South Whidbey  
Becky Frey, Island County Long Range Planning

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Price Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Hannold and seconded by Mike Diamanti to approve the minutes as amended of the April 27, 2016 meeting.

### **PRESENTATION OF .09 RURAL COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS**

- Elaine Marlow presented Rural Economic Development Funds and past recommendations.
- Ron Nelson EDC provided comments on each application being presented. His office followed RCW 82.14.370, and read the pertinent paragraph for .09 Funds distribution.

Discussion of the need to revise applications to be more reflective of the values set by RCW 82.14.370 and audit requirements.

### **APPLICATION PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Freeland Water Sewer District, Lou Malzone**  
**Project Title:** Freeland Sewer Project  
**Requested amount:** \$2,700,000  
Presentation included other funding options for complete project financing

- **Port of Coupeville, Forrest Rambo and Damon Statler**  
**Project Title:** Coupeville Wharf Building Fire Suppression System Components Replacement  
**Requested Amount:** \$25,000
- **City of Langley, Mayor Tim Callison**  
**Project Title:** Creating Attractive Infrastructure and Capabilities to Increase Visitor and Tourist Volumes to Langley and South Whidbey while targeting business relocation opportunities. (Grow Langley)  
**Requested Amount:** \$576,000  
Commissioners Jill Johnson and Richard Hannold requested meetings with Mayor Callison for clarification of the application submitted.  
*Consensus to continue discussion at the next COG meeting on June 22, 2016*
- **City of Oak Harbor , Doug Merriman**  
**Project Title:** City of Oak Harbor Clean Water Facility  
**Requested Amount:** \$1,000,000 to be disbursed over the term of 3 years
- **Port of South Whidbey, Angi Mozer**  
**Project Title:** Island County Fairgrounds Redevelopment  
**Requested Amount:** \$275,000

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS:**

It was moved by Mayor Severns and seconded by Port Commissioner Diamanti to move forward with the Rural County Economic Development Funds applications for Freeland Sewer Water District, Port of Coupeville, City of Oak Harbor, and Port of South Whidbey to the Island County Board of Commissioners for consideration.

#### **ITEMS TO DISCUSS AT JUNE MEETING**

Economic Development Council Goals  
NAS Whidbey Island Presentation  
Island County Housing needs  
Discussion of .09 Rural Economic Development Funds application for the City of Langley

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

The Council of Governments will meet next on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2016.

Council of Governments,

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**Curt Gordon, Chair**